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Rear Admiral James C. Van Sice, USCG
Director of Reserve and Training
U. S. Coast Guard
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Dear Admiral Van Sice:

On behalf of the Department of Defense, I offer greetings to the men and women of the United States Coast Guard Reserve for a happy 64th birthday. Since February 19, 1941, the nation has relied upon the 'always ready' service of our Coast Guard Reserve.

Since the onset of this global war on terror, the United States Coast Guard Reserve has been there – whether serving in the harbor of New York City or in the Persian Gulf. Success in peacetime and wartime is assured through the outstanding dedication of your members.

Coast Guardsmen and women provide vital security at home; in our maritime protection zone, our harbors, and in our inland waterways. Your organization, as a vital part of the Department of Homeland Defense and as a wartime component of the Department of Defense, has been exemplary.

Please pass along to your Coasties colleagues my grateful appreciation and thanks for their continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,

T. F. Hall

